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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Ronald S. INDECK

Appln. No.: 10/162,575

Group Art Unit: 2652

Filed: June 6, 2002

For: THIN FILM MAGNETIC WRITE HEAD WITH PRECONDITIONING  
GAP

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DECLARATION IN SUPPORT OF REISSUE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

I, Ronald S. Indeck, the above-identified applicant,  
make the following Declaration:

1) I am a citizen of the United States, residing at  
729 Gralee Lane, Olivette, Missouri 63132.

2) I verily believe that I am the original, first, and  
sole inventor of the invention described and claimed in  
United States Letters Patent No. 6,072,669 and in the  
specification and claims of the above-identified reissue  
application, for which invention I solicit a reissue patent.

3) I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of said reissue application.

4) I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, C.F.R. § 1.56.

5) I verily believe my original Letters Patent to be partly inoperative by reason of my having claimed less than I had a right to claim in said Letters Patent, and more particularly by the failure to present claims of the scope of Claims 25 and 26 presented in this reissue application.


6) The failure to present, in my original application, claims of the scope of Claims 25 and 26 of this reissue application constitutes an error. As an example of the error, all of the claims of my Letters Patent are apparatus claims, being directed to a thin film magnetic recording head, whereas Claim 26 added in this reissue application is a method claim, being directed to a method of producing a thin film magnetic recording head.

7) All errors being corrected in this reissue application up to the time of filing this Declaration arose without any deceptive intention on my part or on the part of Washington University, the Assignee of said Letters Patent.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all

statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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OFFER TO SURRENDER, CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE  
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

Washington University, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Missouri and having a place of business at One Brookings Drive, St. Louis, Missouri 63130, is owner, by assignment, of the entire title to United States Letters Patent No. 6,072,669 granted June 6, 2000 for THIN FILM MAGNETIC WRITE HEAD WITH PRECONDITIONING GAP.

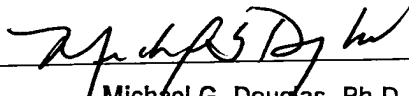
Washington University hereby offers to surrender said Letters Patent and consents to the filing of this reissue application and to the reissue of said Letters Patent.

Washington University hereby appoints Mitchell W. Shapiro, Reg. No. 31,568, Nelson H. Shapiro, Reg. No. 17,095,

and other practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and directs that all correspondence be addressed to that Customer Number:

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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)

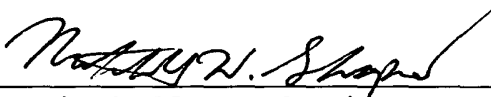
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Washington University, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of Missouri, certifies that it is the Assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application by virtue of an Assignment from the inventor of said patent application, said Assignment having been recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office at Reel 8527, Frame 0001.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this Statement on behalf of said Assignee.

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STATEMENT OF CLAIM STATUS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The subject application is a broadening reissue of U.S. Patent No. 6,072,669 issued June 6, 2000. Claims 1-26 are pending, with Claims 1-24 being the original patent claims and Claims 25 and 26 being newly added for purposes of reissue.

Newly presented Claims 25 and 26 are supported at least by the embodiment of Figs. 3a-3d and the description running

from Column 3, line 48 through Column 5, line 8 of the specification.

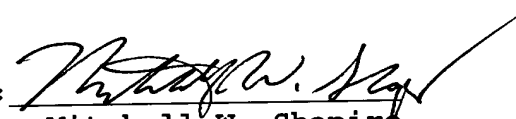
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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